



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Application of Spitsberg :
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Application No.: 09/900,546 : Group Art Unit: 1762
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Application Filed: July 6, 2001 : Examiner: Meeks, Timothy Howard
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For: METHOD FOR IMPROVING THE TBC LIFE OF A SINGLE PHASE
PLATINUM ALUMINIDE BOND COAT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The **Amendments to the Claims** section begins on page 2 of this Response and any amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of the claims included therein.

There are no amendments to the specification.

There are no amendments to the drawings.

The **Remarks/Arguments** section begins on page 6 of this Response.

The **Attachments (2)** include a copy of the Invention Disclosure (dates removed) and Marks' Standard Handbook for Mechanical Engineers, Tenth Edition (1996) – pp. 13-67 through 13-72, following page 13 of this Response.